

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 36-38 and 53-66 are currently before the Examiner. Claims 36-38 have previously been deemed allowable. Claim 53 is currently objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten. Claims 54-66 are newly added.

Applicants have rewritten claim 53 into independent form, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have cancelled dependant claims 30-32, 34, 35, 39-40 and 45-50 and included the subject matter in new claims 54-65, which are dependant upon allowed claim 36. Applicants have additionally added new dependant claim 67, basis for the new claim can be found on page 9, lines 7-11.

Claims 29-33, 39-40 and 44-48 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112 and claims 29-35, 39-40, and 44-50 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103 as unpatentable over Szum 6,240,230. The rejections are respectfully traversed. In response, applicants have cancelled the rejected claims. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in the submission of this response. However, if any fees are due, Applicants hereby grant the USPTO to withdraw any fees as required from deposit account number 50-1863.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or requires additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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